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Re: meeting with Secretary

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arms to Argentina:

1) continued violations (torture of Timerman, remains in isolation; Kovadloff harassed out of country; ~~xxxxxx~~ eight lawyers just disappeared, one found dead, ~~xxxxx~~ five others still missing; several thousand political prisoners still detained; detentions continue

2) underlying assumption of why we didn't want congress to bar arms to argentina ~~by~~ by law was that as conditions improve significantly we could continue program but that we would ~~exercise~~ exercise judgment

3) serious question whether law denying arms to countries engaged in gross violations can be obeyed without denying arms now

4) no recent significant changes for better, ~~only~~ some minor signs, and still continued violations

5) he probably is going to get recommendations to go ahead with all but internal security---that means weapons etc. still go to military forces.

6) Argentina is spotlight---we send arms and we will be charged clearly with not having a policy that has any meaning, even in the worst places.

7) Argument of supporting Videla is weak---if fact, ambassador told Luers some time ago that halting military credits earlier probably was a help in Videla arguing with colleagues that some violations had to cease.

8) if conditions improve, we can start back up weapons aid.

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